

*From the Religious Education Office*



*“Where I walk and work, where I play and pray, in the little acre of God I till,  
is there anyone who is less hungry because I am there?”*

*Walter J. Burghardt, SJ*

In our world where so much physical, spiritual or emotional hunger abounds, one can grow overwhelmed or discouraged and tempted into inaction because we feel that our resources are insufficient to meet the needs that surround us. In these tough economic times, we may be worried that we don't have enough to provide sufficiently for the needs of our own family let alone others.

The refrain from the responsorial psalm, “The hand of the Lord feeds us; God answers all our needs,” underlines a theme that connects the reading from 2 Kings and the Gospel. God who desires to fill our physical as well as spiritual hungers has the power to feed the people miraculously and abundantly. Yet it is through the work of human hands that the generosity and power of God unfolds. A few meager and insufficient human resources offered willingly are more than enough in the hands of God.

How have you experienced God's presence and power in your life? In what ways have you been invited to feed the hungry with your gifts?

The different pace of the summer months may offer some leisure to take stock of our time, talents, skills and treasure and reflect on how God may be calling us to use our resources in the parish, neighborhood or wider community during the coming pastoral year.

May you enjoy God's blessings and these beautiful summer days.

*Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J.*

*As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and in communion with the universal church, we strive to follow the Lord's command to love God and one another. Rooted in word and sacrament, we grow together as a Eucharistic community inviting all to the Good News of Jesus.*



<b><u>July 19, 2009 Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Needed</u></b>
<b>\$9,057.00</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b><u>Envelopes Mailed</u></b>	<b><u>Envelopes Returned</u></b>
<b>1,726</b>	<b>572</b>

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***FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE TRAVELING ---***

Did you know that there is a website that can give you the Mass times at churches wherever you are visiting this summer? Just check out the website at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for the nearest church and times of Masses. *Mass Times - A Ministry to Traveling Catholics.*



***MEMORIALS AVAILABLE ---***

Please consider remembering a loved one - living or deceased - in a special way by donating a vestment in his/her memory or honor. Four new sets of vestments - red, green, purple and white - have been ordered for use here in the parish. Each vestment is made by the Trappist monks from Saint Joseph Abbey, Spencer, Massachusetts. The name of your loved one will be placed inside each vestment and prayed for by the priest celebrant.

Your gift provides a meaningful way to remember or honor a loved one. A donation of \$450 is being asked for each vestment.



**PLEASE NOTE:**

During July and August the church will close each day, Monday through Friday at 3:00PM.

***DID YOU KNOW?***

Our parish has 51 Altar Servers. May God bless them in their ministry of service to Saint Luke Church.



**JUST A REMINDER**

A "Book of Prayer" containing the names of those presently serving in all branches of the armed forces especially those in harm's way has been placed near the statue of the Blessed Mother in the church.

In order to keep the intentions up to date your cooperation is needed:

- If you wish to include a name in our "Book of Prayer", please give the Rectory a call.
- The "Book of Prayer" is for the living currently serving in the military. It is intended to keep them from harm and return them home in safety.
- If a name has been submitted and the person is no longer serving in the military, please call the Rectory so we can remove the name and give thanks for his/her safe return.



**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

If you would like to register as a parishioner of St. Luke Parish you may do so by coming to the Rectory Office and obtaining a form which can be returned in person, by mail or in the Sunday collection. After you register you will receive weekly offering envelopes.





### **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009**

Thanks to the generosity of 537 donors as of July 14th a total of \$129,458.52 has been pledged with \$101,748.51 already received.

Having reached the parish goal of \$93,701 all gifts over goal come directly back to the parish. This depends on each of us fulfilling our promised gift.

***So --- We need your help:***

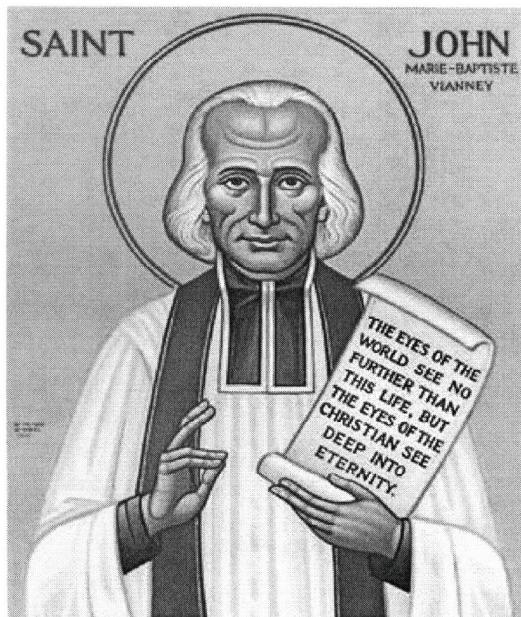
- Please continue to fulfill your pledges to the Appeal over the summer months. This is so important!
- Please consider making a gift today if you have not as yet done so. Last year nearly 700 donors supported the Appeal!
  - If you made a gift last year, please consider a gift to this year's Appeal.
  - If you haven't made a gift in the past - why not support the 2009 Appeal.
- The Appeal is our major parish fund raiser of the year.

In these difficult economic times, your generous support is more important than ever. What a great way to express our thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy.

God bless.

***Msgr. Tosi***

YEAR FOR PRIESTS  
IN CELEBRATION OF THE  
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF  
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



“Come to communion, my brothers and sisters, come to Jesus. Come to live from him in order to live with him...”

St. John Vianney  
Le Cure d’Ars

*Quoted in the Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to all the priests of the world dated 16 June 2009.*

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**  
**RCIA**

*Are you an adult who has never been baptized?*

*Are you baptized in another Christian denomination and interested in membership in becoming a Catholic?*

*Are you baptized Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?*

If you answer yes to any of these questions, you may want to consider becoming part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). This is a gradual process by which a person enters the life of the Church. It entails study, faith sharing, Scripture reflection, and rites (steps along the way, celebrated with the faith community).

This process or faith journey begins with a period of inquiry. We invite you to come and explore!

Please call Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J. at the Religious Education Office (718) 746-3409 for more information.



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To: All Pastors and Administrators  
From: +F. Caggiano  
Re: Update on the Bishop's Recovery  
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2009

As we approach the weekend, allow me to provide you an update on Bishop DiMarzio's ongoing recovery from cardiac surgery. The Bishop was released from the hospital this past Monday and is recuperating with our senior priests at the Immaculate Conception Center where he can receive the necessary rest he needs at this time. The Bishop's doctors are pleased with his progress and have assured him of a complete recovery from the surgery and the minor set back he experienced last weekend.

Bishop DiMarzio continues to be thankful of your remembrance of him in prayer and looks forward to being among you in the coming months. I ask that you continue to keep the Bishop in your prayers and remember him at all Masses celebrated throughout the Diocese.

Best wishes for a restful and peaceful summer.



**SAINT LUKE CHURCH HAS MANY WONDERFUL  
MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS**



**Liturgical Ministry**

***Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
Lectors, Ushers, Family Mass  
Altar Servers & Altar Care***



**Catholic Education/Faith Formation Ministry**

***St. Luke School  
Religious Education (Gr. 1-8) & RCIA Program  
Pre-Jordan - Baptism Program***



**Music Ministry**

***Adult Choir, Italian Choir, Contemporary Choir & Youth Choir***



**Parish Activities**

***Respect Life Group, Golden Age Club, Parish Pastoral Council***

**Parish Social Ministry**

***Ministry of Consolation, Bereavement Ministry  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, Martha's Ministry***



**Prayer Ministry**

***Italian Prayer Group, Lay Carmelites, Charismatic Prayer Group  
Marian Prayer Group, Disciples in Mission  
First Friday Eucharist Adoration***



**Youth Organizations**

***Athletic Association, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts***



**Community Organizations**

***Knights of Columbus  
Alcoholics Anonymous***



**Please call the Rectory if you are interested in participating.**





**PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM**

**If you are planning a summer Baptism, please note the following dates:**

<b><u>Baptism Class</u></b>	<b><u>Baptism Sunday</u></b>
<b>August 17</b>	<b>August 9 &amp; 23</b>

**If you have any questions please call Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. at 718-746-8531.**



***ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS ---***

Meetings are held in the lower church every Friday evening. Open meeting at 7:30pm - Closed meeting at 9:00pm.

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**YOU CAN HELP TO PROTECT A CHILD ---**

To report sexual abuse against a minor by a priest or deacon, call the Diocese of Brooklyn's Victims Assistance toll-free, confidential reporting number: 888-634-4499. The Diocese of Brooklyn's Victims Assistance Program offers support, outreach and counseling to any victim who present themselves. For assistance call 888-634-4499. To report sexual abuse against a minor by non-clergy Church personnel or parish volunteers, contact the appropriate District Attorney for your area: Kings County: 718-250-2217, Queens County: 718-286-6310.



**SUMMER HELP ---**

While the parish priests get some well deserved and much needed vacation time, we are pleased to have both Father Coffey and Father Rene share their priestly ministry with us. During July and August Father Coffey will be celebrating both weekday and Sunday Masses; Fr. Rene will be celebrating two Masses each Sunday - one in Italian and one in English. We are most grateful for their generous service.



Trip to "Showboat", Atlantic City, Tuesday, July 28, 2009. Cost is \$25. Bus leaves at 8:00am sharp. For more information, please call Eileen at (718) 352-3902 or Martha at (718) 539-4396.



***SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL***

We visit the poor, sick, elderly and physically challenged at home and in the hospital; offer financial help to individuals in emergency situations - utilities, rent, medication, food; run thrift shops, food pantries and soup kitchens. Please call the Rectory if you need help. All calls are confidential.



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Mt 13:31-35  
Tues. - Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9,28;  
Mt 13:36-43  
Wed. - Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27  
Thurs. - Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Mt 13:47-53  
Fri. - Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37;  
Mt 13:54-58  
Sat. - Lv 25:1,8-17; Mt 14:1-12



## MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of **ANGELO APRILE** at the request of his wife & children.

The Altar Candles are burning in memory of **ROBERTO SALVIO (BIRTHDAY) & VINCENZINA SALVIO** at the request of Christine, Patricia & Family.



## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

*Rose Battoni*

*Connie-Marie Runyon*

*Helen Sciame*

## AND FOR THE DECEASED:

*Olga G. Aumenta*

*John S. Cirri*

*Viola Sutton*



## ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27, 2009

### **Monday, July 27**

7:00 Nicolaia Avella  
12:00 Catherine & Peter Falotico

### **Tuesday, July 28**

8:30 Juana Foca  
12:00 Maria & Giovanni Vosilla

### **Wednesday, July 29**

7:00 Vincenzina & Roberto Salvio  
12:00 Josephine Bulic

### **Thursday, July 30**

8:30 Berenicia & Felicetta Colalillo  
12:00 Carmela Valenzano

### **Friday, July 31**

7:00 Giuseppe Bona  
12:00 John J. Sullivan (1st Anniversary)

### **Saturday, August 1**

8:30 Vincenzina & Roberto Salvio



## SPECIAL MASS REQUESTS

We have set aside two special Masses a month: the second Saturday of each month at 12 noon and the fourth Sunday of each month at the 11:45AM Mass. Please call the Rectory to schedule such a Mass or to get additional information.







Community News

**HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS ---**

Come, pray and sacrifice for the unborn on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the Monthly Prayer Vigil with Bishop Thomas V. Daily and Officer Steven McDonald at Our Lady of the Cenacle, 136-06 87th Avenue, Richmond Hill, N.Y. Mass begins at 7:30AM followed by Exposition, Procession and return to church for Benediction.

**RADIO MARIA - A CHRISTIAN VOICE IN YOUR HOME ---**

The World family of Radio Maria is celebrating the opening of their new office in New York City and the acceptance as a NGO to the "Consultative Status" at the United Nations. Honored Guests will be: The Most Rev. Arch. Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See Mission to the United Nations; the Hon. Thomas DiNapoli, Comptroller of the State of N.Y.; Ing. Gianluigi Vittadini, Pres. Of AGV Design & Development LLC and Former First Pres. Of Radio Maria.

The celebration in New York City on Sept. 13, at I Trulli Restaurant located at 122 E. 27th St. (btw. Park & Lexington) will take place from 12 noon to 4:00pm. For more info call (212) 233-8040 or go to the website: [www.radiomariainternet.us](http://www.radiomariainternet.us) and follow the "Gala 2009" link.

**NAR-ANON NEVER ALONE** is a 12 step support group for anyone affected by a loved ones use/abuse of drugs. There are no dues or fees. Meetings are held at the VFW Hall in Whitestone (19-12 149th Street) every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00PM. Newcomers are welcome. For further information, please contact Pat & Norman at 718-229-2113 at any time.

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**ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS ---**

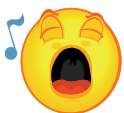


Queens Symphony Orchestra's 11th Annual Great Lawn Summer Concert. Breezy Big Band Summer - Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 7pm. The Great Lawn in front of the Library, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY. Rain or shine. Rain location: under the tent in the Faculty Parking Lot. For more information, please call (718) 326-4455 or (718) 990-5892 or visit our web site at: [www.stjohns.edu](http://www.stjohns.edu). Free parking and free admission! Bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

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**OZANAM HALL** of Queens Nursing Home, 42-41 201st Street, Bayside, seeks: a part-time Activity Leader, no experience necessary, with good verbal/writing, interpersonal skills to work with senior population; 15 hours per week, Friday evenings and weekends. Reliability a must! If interested please call Marilyn Gindi at (718) 971-2708 for further information.



**POPPENHUSEN INSTITUTE  
114-04 FOURTEENTH ROAD, COLLEGE POINT**



Free Family Karaoke Night - Bring a supper, chair or blanket, and come out for some affordable family fun. Talent not required just an open willing spirit. Every Wednesday night in August from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. For info call (718) 358-0067.